

DELIVERING ON THE PROMISE OF ACT 76

2024 Child Care Agenda



In 2023, Vermonters worked together with lawmakers to pass Act 76! This new law makes Vermont a national leader in child care. The law's historic investments will stabilize our child care sector and provide access to affordable, quality child care for thousands of Vermont families.



In 2024, the Vermont Legislature must deliver on the promise of Act 76, which will invest an additional \$125 million a year into Vermont's child care system. **This year, the Child Care Campaign's primary policy goal is to make sure Act 76 works, with full funding for the new law and ongoing child care needs in the State budget. We owe it to Vermonters to get this right!**

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- **ENSURE ACT 76 IS FULLY FUNDED AND IMPLEMENTED SUCCESSFULLY**
- Improve family affordability
- Support early childhood educator recruitment and retention
- Increase child care program quality and capacity

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POLICY PRIORITIES

Successfully meet Act 76 implementation milestones

January 1: Child care programs receive 35% rate increase in Child Care Financial Assistance Program (CCFAP).

April 1: CCFAP income eligibility expansion to families earning up to 400% Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

July 1: Child Care Contribution starts (new payroll tax); rate increase for family child care homes in effect; new non-citizen CCFAP program.

October 1: CCFAP income eligibility expansion to families earning up to 575% of FPL.

Improve family affordability

- Ensure families and child care programs are able to access the significant additional investment in Vermont's CCFAP.

Increase child care program quality and capacity

- Fully fund the Quality and Capacity Incentive Program, a \$10 million program established in Act 76;
- Continue funding programs that provide quality coaching, business technical assistance, and other supports to child care programs.

Support early childhood educator recruitment and retention

- Continue funding Vermont's Early Childhood Educator Student Loan Repayment Assistance Program, scholarship, and pre-apprenticeship programs;
- Provide child care benefits and help with health insurance for people working in child care programs.

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